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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN QUESTION ON UPCOMING ANTARCTIC MEETING

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1. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO MARCH LONDON PREPARATORY MEETING FOR FALL ANTARCTIC CONSULTATIVE SESSION WILL CONSIST OF MFA POLAR ADVISER OLAV BUCHER-JOHANNESSEN, KONSULENT CARSTEN HELGEBY, WHO REPLACES HAAKON STORHAUG, DIRECTOR TORE GJELSVIK OF THE POLAR INSTITUTE AND FINN SOLLIE OF NANSEN FOUNDATION.

2. BUCHER-JOHANNESSEN CONTACTED EMBASSY MARCH 2 TO INFORM US AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD FAO DESIRE TO HAVE FAO OBSERVER PARTICIPATE IN MARCH LONDON PREPARATORY MEETING. ACCORDING TO BUCHER-JOHANNESSEN FAO PLANS TO ASK TO BE ALLOWED TO SEND OBSERVER TO UPCOMING MARCH LONDON MEETING TO DISCUSS FAO PROPOSAL CALLED UNDP/FAO PROGRAM FOR COORDINATION OF FISHERIES SURVEY AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN. NORWEGIAN FAO FISHERIES EXPERT VADZINGER WAS IN OSLO IN FEBRUARY AND DISCUSSED PROPOSAL INFORMALLY WITH NORWEGIANS. EMBASSY OBTAINED COPY OF PROPOSAL FROM NORWEGIANS AND SENT IT BY POUCH FEBRUARY 22 TO ADDRESSEES.

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3. BUCHER-JOHANNESSEN SAID HE HAS DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH DR. HEAP OF UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE; AND HEAP APPARENTLY FELT IT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO REFUSE TO LET FAO TAKE PART IN THIS INSTANCE AS IT WOULD ANTAGONIZE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

4. BUCHER-JOHANNESSEN SAYS GON HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION YET ON ISSUE, BUT WILL DECIDE NEXT WEEK. HE SAYS HE IS INCLINED

TOWARD HEAP'S VIEW. ALSO HE SAYS FAO PROPOSAL APPEARS INNOCUOUS. IT WOULD ORGANIZE COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF FISHERY DATA AND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES THROUGH NATIONAL EFFORTS IN ANTARCTIC TREATY AREA. HE SAID ARGENTINA'S AMBASSADOR IN OSLO HAS ASKED TO SEE HIM LATER THIS WEEK AND HE SUSPECTS FAO PROPOSAL MAY BE ONE OF SUBJECTS AMBASSADOR WISHES TO DISCUSS. ARGENTINIAN, HE FEELS, IS LIKELY TO BE NEGATIVE ON FAO PROPOSAL.

5. APPRECIATE NAMES OF U.S. DELEGATION TO LONDON MEETING IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE, AND ALSO ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ON FAO QUESTION. IF WE COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION TO MFA BEFORE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO LONDON MEETING HAS ITS PREPARATORY MEETING IN OSLO EARLY NEXT WEEK IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN INFLUENCING GON DELEGATION.

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